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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROKI HAYASHI, et al.

Application No.: 09/726,021

Filed: November 30, 2000

For: SURFACE REFORMED FIBER BODY,  
LIQUID CONTAINER USING FIBER  
ABSORBER AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING FIBER ABSORBER FOR  
USE IN LIQUID EJECTION

Examiner: M. Nghiem

Group Art Unit: 2861

February 22, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the January 22, 2002 Requirement To Restrict, Applicants

hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 25, 32, 33, 45 to 68 and 90. In addition, Applicants provisional elect Species I, namely Claims Figures 1 and 16 to 38c. Claims 1 to 6, 25, 32, 33 and 45 to 53 read on the elected species.

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